STATEMENT

(a) Total number of telephone connections provided during last three years, ending 31.3.1991.

1.	Panaji	1437
2.	Margao	935
3.	Mapusa	61
4.	Vasco	71
5.	Ponda	257
6.	Bicholin	173
7.	Sanvordem (curchoram)	73

(b) Waiting list of telephone connections as on 30.6.1991.

		Waiting List
1.	Panaji	2743
2.	Margao	2359
3.	Mapusa	1213
4.	Uasco	1304
5.	Ponda	516
6.	Bicholin	42
7.	Sanvordem (curchorem)	79

Shifting of Office of Finger Print Bureau

5791. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Government propose to shift the office of the Central Finger Print Bureau from Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). In pursuance of the recommendactions of the National Police Commission and for functional and administrative reasons, it was decided in 1987 to shift some operational sections of Central Finger Print Bureau from Calcutta to Delhi under the administrative control of the National Crime Records Bureau. Out of a total of 86 posts, it was decided to shift 62 posts to Delhi in two phases. However, so far only 53 posts have been shifted to Delhi. The remaining 33 posts are still in Calcutta.

Rengali Irrigation Project as National Project

5792. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has submitted any proposal to the Union Government for the declaration of the Rengali Irrigation Project as a National Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No such proposal has been received from the State Government.

(b) Dos not arise.

Telephone Directory of Bombay

5793. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Telephone Directory of Bombay Telephones has not been supplied to the subscribers by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. for the last four years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to supply the latest directory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c). Sir, the last issue of main telephone directory for Bombay was published and distributed in August 1988. There after, two alphabetical supplements updated upto 1.5.89 and 10.12.90 were issued. The subsequent issue of the main directory could not be printed by the contractor, due to management and financial problems. The contractor has now come up with a proposal to execute the contract with the help of another reputed company, which has been agreed to by the MTNL. The next issue of Bombay Telephone Directory is likely to be published by the end of December 1991.

Cooperative Dairy Sector

5794. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to State :

(a) whether Cooperative Dairy Sector would face crisis if free licensing is resorted to in this sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to save this Cooperative Dairy Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (c). In the New Industrial Policy "milk food and malted food" has been delicensed. The impact of this policy on the cooperative dairy sector is being assessed. The interests of the cooperative dairy sector will be protected.

[Translation]

Licences for Mining in Bihar

5795. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to State :

(a) whether the land owners on whose land minerals were found have been issued licences for mining on priority basis in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details of the persons who have been issued licences on priority basis and the number who are yet to be issued licences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Prospecting licences and mining leases are granted in accordance with the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act , 1957. Section 11 of the Act lays down the preferential rights of persons applying for such leases and licences. According to this provision there is no such preferential right of land owners, on whose lands minerals are found, to get licences or leases. However, according to provisions of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 consent of the land owner is required before mining operation can be taken up.

(b) does not arise.

Increase in Capacity of Various Telephone Exchanges in Himachal Pradesh

5796. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Government propose to